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1. Jonny Lohr, the Chairman of the Mecklenburg National Democratic Party, and the Deputy Chairman of the Zonal NDP, celebrated his fiftieth birthday on 20 February 1949.
2. The National-Zeitung wrote a special congratulatory article on the occasion of his birthday. The article purposely refrained from emphasizing Lohr's political background; however, just before publication, a representative from Ambassador V.S. Semeonov, Soviet Political Adviser, had the article rewritten to omit the passage: "before 1933 Lohr served the progressive movement, and after 1933 he emigrated to Russia".
3. The National-Zeitung was specifically prohibited from making any reference to Lohr's political past in the Communist Party, or his twelve-year emigration in Moscow.
4. Lohr and his wife, who holds a position in the Mecklenburg Administration of Justice, are Soviet citizens.

(Comment: Lohr is Deputy Minister of Economy of Mecklenburg, with the rank of Ministerialdirektor. This is the highest government position held by any member of the NDP; Lohr had been appointed to it as a member of the SED, before the NDP was founded.)

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